



County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

713 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
(213) 974-1101
<http://ceo.lacounty.gov>

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

July 17, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Board of Supervisors
GLORIA MOLINA
First District

YVONNE B. BURKE
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

DON KNABE
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Fifth District

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE
CITY OF ARCADIA - HUNTINGTON DRIVE AT SUNSET BOULEVARD
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the Resolution to find that the project to upgrade the traffic signal at the intersection of Huntington Drive and Sunset Boulevard, in the City of Arcadia, is of general County interest and that County aid in the amount of \$90,000 should be extended to the City.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to improve the flow of traffic along Huntington Drive. Since 1988, the Department of Public Works has administered Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) projects, which have provided a means to coordinate synchronization between arterials of regional significance. The Department of Public Works recently completed a TSSP project along Huntington Drive in the City of Arcadia. In consultation with City staff, it was determined that the traffic signal synchronization along Huntington Drive could be enhanced with a modification of the traffic signal phasing at the intersection of Huntington Drive and Sunset Avenue.

To enable the work to be completed in an expeditious manner, the City of Arcadia has agreed to design and construct the project. Your Board's approval of the attached Resolution will authorize the expenditure of County Proposition C funds in the City of Arcadia and provide for the cooperative funding of the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) by reducing traffic congestion and delay, improving mobility, and reducing vehicle emissions. In addition, this action is consistent with Community Services (Goal 6) by improving the quality of life for residents in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$380,000, of which \$290,000 will be financed by the City of Arcadia. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has approved a grant of Proposition C Discretionary Funds as part of the 2001 San Gabriel Valley Forum to finance \$71,000 of the project cost. The Department of Public Works will provide the remaining \$19,000 from the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Resolution provides for the City of Arcadia to design and construct and for the County to extend financial assistance to the City for the project.

The Resolution establishes the County contribution to the City for these expenditures not to exceed \$90,000 by utilizing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant funds and other County funds.

The attached Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The CEQA requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA. It is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 1(x) 4, 14, and 22 of the County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, and Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
July 17, 2007
Page 3

Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption for the Sunset Boulevard at Huntington Drive project was prepared by the City of Arcadia and filed with the Registrar-Recorder/-County Clerk on April 10, 2007.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

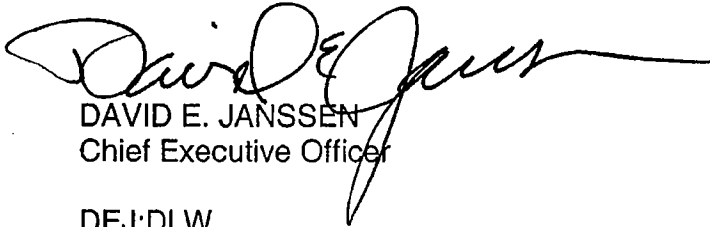
When this project is completed it will result in improved traffic flow.

There is no impact on other current County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Attached are two copies of the Resolution. Upon approval, please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

DEJ:DLW
ASN:pc

Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA FOR THE
PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF
HUNTINGTON DRIVE AND SUNSET BOULEVARD**

WHEREAS, the City of Arcadia desires to upgrade the traffic signal operation at the intersection of Huntington Drive and Sunset Boulevard, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, CITY desires to design and construct PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$380,000); and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has obtained Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant funds of Seventy-One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$71,000) and will provide matching funds of Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,000) for the County's share of the cost of PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITY pursuant to San Gabriel Valley 2001 Memorandum of Understanding No. P0008121 between COUNTY and the MTA; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is located and will be utilized entirely within the jurisdictional limits of CITY; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, CITY will administer the design and construction of PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1684 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The PROJECT is of general County interest and County aid shall be extended therefor.

Section 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the County of Los Angeles consents, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1680-1684 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to extend County aid in the amount of \$90,000 to the City of Arcadia for upgrade of the traffic signal at the intersection of Huntington Drive and Sunset Boulevard.

Section 3. The financial obligations of the County of Los Angeles are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from the MTA pursuant to San Gabriel Valley 2001 Memorandum of Understanding No. P0008121 between the County of Los Angeles and the MTA.

Section 4. If any provision of this Resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the Resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2007, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy